

SB Bill 46
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Presented by Hank Worsech
House Fish, Wildlife & Parks Committee

Mr. Chairman and committee members, I am Hank Worsech, License Bureau Chief for the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP). I am here today on behalf of the Director in support of Senate Bill 46.

Senator Pomnichowski has introduced SB 46 at the request of the Department. This legislation, by allowing for electronic signature, will allow the Department to adapt to changing technology and consumer expectations.

This legislation would allow hunting and fishing licenses to be displayed on a smart phone or other electronic device. Here are a few examples: someone asked to go fishing on a weekend could go online, purchase the fishing license while heading to the fishing spot, and have it on their phone to display for a Game Warden; a person realizes they forgot their upland game bird license in their fishing vest while driving across the state to their bird hunting spot. They could show proof of licensure to a Game Warden with their phone, rather than having to purchase a replacement license. This would not remove any of the requirements to purchase and hold a license; all transactions are processed and verified through the Automated Licensing System (ALS). SB 46 would allow hunters and anglers more flexibility and ease of compliance, and allow us to provide better customer service.

Mr. Chairman, I'd like to thank Senator Pomnichowski for sponsoring this bill, thank the committee for its time today, and the Department requests a "do pass" for SB 46.

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